The Pre-Dietetics designation allows you to continue exploring various majors by selecting multidisciplinary General Education classes with a focus on coursework/pre-requisites that can prepare you to apply for admissions into the Bachelor of Science Dietetics program, should you determine that this major is most appropriate for your skills, interests and career goals.

**IMPACTION**

Dietetics is an impacted program, meaning there are more students wanting the major than there is capacity. Thus freshmen and sophomores interested in the Dietetics program should consider declaring Pre-Dietetics. However, this does not mean that your major is now Dietetics, nor does this designation guarantee or increase your chances of acceptance into the major. It may make you eligible to receive news and updates from the department and the college regarding the program.

**ABOUT THE MAJOR**

The Family Interiors Nutrition & Apparel Department (FINA) offers an undergraduate degree in Dietetics, is an accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) and meets the Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutritional Education of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The program prepares students for careers in clinical dietetics, foodservice systems management and nutrition education in hospitals, industry or government agencies. Most positions require an RD (Registered Dietitian).

**REGISTERED DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST**

To become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) one must: 1) complete the B.S. in Dietetics, 2) complete a Dietetic Internship, 3) pass the RD exam. To become a Dietetic Technician, Registered Nutritionist (DTRN) one must: 1) complete the B.S. in Dietetics, 2) complete the DTRN eligibility application, 3) pass the D.T.R.N. exam.

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Students are required to submit a supplemental application for admission into the undergraduate Dietetics program. Current students must apply during a specific time frame, typically in the first few weeks of January. Please refer to this link for the supplemental application and updated deadlines:

fina.sfsu.edu
Suggested first-year course sequence to apply for admission by junior year*

**FALL 2017**
- MATH 60/70 or 124
- ENG 104 or 114
- COMM 150 or AREA A3
- BIOL 210/211
- AREA D2 or D3
- AREA C1 or C3

**SPRING 2018**
- MATH 70 or 124
- ENG 105 or ENG 214 (AREA A4)
- PSYC 200
- CHEM 115 – Must take assessment test
- COMM 150 or AREA A3
- AREA D2 or D3 if in ENG 114, if not then
- AREA C1 or C3

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*AP and IB exam scores as well as courses taken a community college can also impact the suggested course sequencing. If you are not sure how this will affect your scheduling, please contact an SRC advisor.

**Admission to this major requires that you be at junior standing (60 units) by the time you start the program. If it is important that you start this program by your junior year, you will need to average at least 30 units each academic year. Apply in sophomore year for admission in junior year.

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**PRE-REQUISITE FLOW CHART**

General Education Areas Potentially Met by Courses in this Major

Successfully completing the Dietetics curriculum would also mean that you have met the requirements for all of AREA B, AREA D1 and AREA E in your lower division General Education requirements.

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**ADDING, DROPPING AND WITHDRAWING FROM CLASSES AFTER START OF SEMESTER**

Please be aware of all deadlines. You may add courses via your Gateway until before the first day of instruction, provided there is space available. Once classes start, you will need permission numbers from your instructor to add classes via Gateway.

Dropping courses via your Gateway without it noted on your official records must occur within the first three weeks of each semester. After this three-week period, you are no longer allowed to drop courses via your Gateway. You must have a serious and compelling reason to withdraw from a course and submit a petition with objective supporting documentation. If approved, a “W” will appear on your transcript. All withdrawal petitions that lack serious and compelling reasons and/or viable supporting documentation will be denied within the College of Health & Social Sciences. Be conscientious about withdrawing from classes, as you are allowed a maximum of 18 units for withdrawal, and “W”s on your transcript can reflect poorly. Also, keep in mind that you are only allowed to repeat a course once for a maximum of two times.

Lastly, it is ALWAYS students’ responsibility to ensure that they are in the appropriate classes — always check your schedule!

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**RESOURCES:**

SF STATE DIETETICS
BH 329 | fina@sfsu.edu | (415) 338-1219
fina.sfsu.edu

CHSS STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER
HSS 254 | srccenter@sfsu.edu | (415) 405-3740
chss.sfsu.edu/src

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